

Table 8.

Percentage of People in Poverty by State Using 2- and 3-Year Averages: 2001 to 2003

(People as of March of the following year)

States	3-year average 2001-2003		2-year average				Change in percentage points (2002-2003 average less 2001-2002 average) ¹	
			2001-2002		2002-2003			
	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval ² (±)
United States.....	12.1	0.2	11.9	0.2	12.3	0.2	*0.4	0.2
Alabama.....	15.1	1.4	15.2	1.7	14.7	1.6	-0.5	1.4
Alaska.....	9.0	1.1	8.7	1.2	9.2	1.3	0.6	1.1
Arizona.....	13.9	1.4	14.1	1.7	13.5	1.7	-0.6	1.4
Arkansas.....	18.5	1.6	18.8	1.9	18.8	1.9	-	1.6
California.....	12.9	0.6	12.8	0.7	13.1	0.7	0.3	0.6
Colorado.....	9.4	1.0	9.2	1.2	9.7	1.2	0.5	1.0
Connecticut.....	7.9	0.9	7.8	1.1	8.2	1.1	0.4	0.9
Delaware.....	7.7	1.1	7.9	1.3	8.2	1.3	0.3	1.0
District of Columbia.....	17.3	1.7	17.6	1.9	16.9	1.9	-0.7	1.6
Florida.....	12.7	0.8	12.6	0.9	12.6	0.9	-	0.7
Georgia.....	12.0	1.3	12.1	1.5	11.5	1.4	-0.5	1.2
Hawaii.....	10.7	1.2	11.4	1.5	10.3	1.4	-1.1	1.2
Idaho.....	11.0	1.3	11.4	1.6	10.8	1.5	-0.6	1.2
Illinois.....	11.8	0.8	11.5	1.0	12.7	1.0	*1.2	0.8
Indiana.....	9.2	1.0	8.8	1.1	9.5	1.1	0.7	0.9
Iowa.....	8.5	1.0	8.3	1.2	9.1	1.2	0.8	1.0
Kansas.....	10.3	1.1	10.1	1.3	10.4	1.3	0.3	1.1
Kentucky.....	13.7	1.3	13.4	1.5	14.3	1.6	0.9	1.3
Louisiana.....	16.9	1.6	16.9	1.8	17.2	1.8	0.4	1.5
Maine.....	11.8	1.1	11.9	1.3	12.5	1.3	0.6	1.0
Maryland.....	7.7	0.9	7.3	1.1	8.0	1.1	0.7	0.9
Massachusetts.....	9.7	1.0	9.5	1.1	10.1	1.2	0.7	0.9
Michigan.....	10.8	0.9	10.5	1.0	11.5	1.0	*1.0	0.8
Minnesota.....	7.1	0.9	6.9	1.0	6.9	1.0	-	0.9
Mississippi.....	17.9	1.7	18.9	2.0	17.2	1.9	*-1.6	1.6
Missouri.....	10.1	1.1	9.8	1.3	10.3	1.3	0.5	1.1
Montana.....	14.0	1.5	13.4	1.8	14.3	1.8	0.9	1.5
Nebraska.....	9.9	1.2	10.0	1.4	10.2	1.4	0.2	1.1
Nevada.....	9.0	1.0	8.0	1.2	9.9	1.3	*1.9	1.0
New Hampshire.....	6.0	0.8	6.1	1.0	5.8	1.0	-0.3	0.8
New Jersey.....	8.2	0.8	8.0	0.9	8.3	0.9	0.3	0.8
New Mexico.....	18.0	1.8	17.9	2.1	18.0	2.1	0.1	1.7
New York.....	14.2	0.7	14.1	0.8	14.2	0.8	0.1	0.7
North Carolina.....	14.2	1.1	13.4	1.3	15.0	1.3	*1.6	1.1
North Dakota.....	11.7	1.2	12.7	1.5	10.6	1.4	*-2.1	1.2
Ohio.....	10.4	0.8	10.1	1.0	10.3	1.0	0.2	0.8
Oklahoma.....	14.0	1.4	14.6	1.6	13.5	1.6	-1.1	1.3
Oregon.....	11.7	1.2	11.3	1.4	11.7	1.4	0.3	1.2
Pennsylvania.....	9.9	0.7	9.5	0.9	10.0	0.9	0.5	0.7
Rhode Island.....	10.7	1.1	10.3	1.2	11.3	1.3	1.0	1.0
South Carolina.....	14.0	1.3	14.7	1.6	13.5	1.5	-1.2	1.3
South Dakota.....	10.9	1.1	10.0	1.3	12.1	1.4	*2.1	1.1
Tennessee.....	14.3	1.4	14.5	1.7	14.4	1.7	-	1.4
Texas.....	15.8	0.8	15.3	1.0	16.3	1.0	*1.0	0.8
Utah.....	9.8	1.2	10.2	1.4	9.5	1.3	-0.7	1.1
Vermont.....	9.4	1.1	9.8	1.3	9.2	1.2	-0.6	1.0
Virginia.....	9.3	1.1	8.9	1.2	10.0	1.3	*1.0	1.0
Washington.....	11.4	1.2	10.8	1.4	11.8	1.4	0.9	1.2
West Virginia.....	16.9	1.4	16.6	1.6	17.1	1.6	0.5	1.3
Wisconsin.....	8.8	1.0	8.2	1.1	9.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
Wyoming.....	9.1	1.1	8.8	1.3	9.4	1.3	0.6	1.1

-Represents zero or rounds to zero.

*Statistically different from zero at the 90-percent confidence level.

¹Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.²A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For more information see "Standard errors and their use" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60-226sa.pdf>.

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